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In re the Application of: **Reizo MAEDA et al.**

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FABRICATING THE SAME AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY**

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**REQUEST FOR WITHDRAWAL OF FINALITY OF OFFICE ACTION**  
**AND**  
**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2005, Applicants submit the following remarks, which begin on page 2 of this paper.